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In re the application of: **Wilhelm ARDES**

Group Art Unit: 1723

Serial No.: 09/890,588 (Conf. No. 6532)

Filed: November 21, 2001

Examiner: **Matthew O. Savage**

For: **FLUID FILTER WITH REMOVABLE
CENTRAL COMPONENT AND WITH
ADDITIONAL RETAINER**

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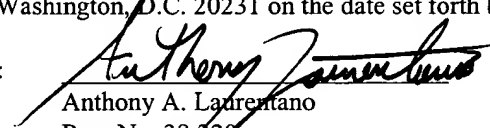
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, Applicant elects species 1 encompassing claims 1 and 2. Applicants traverse the stated restriction, and request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.